

CAREER CONNECTS

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A Weekly on Jobs and Resources

June 24, 2026

Students, Colleagues and Peers: Career Connects will pause next week and reconvene the week of July 6th. Weekly issues of Career Connects are archived [here](#).

Note: some of you are receiving this email for the first time as friends and coworkers have shared your contact. You may unsubscribe any time by emailing me: shantinir@nmhu.edu

LIFE TIP: As spring transitions to summer and we hope for monsoonal rains that are regular but not destructive, temperatures that (at minimum!) cool overnight, and some semblance of relative humidity, take a page from [John Lubbock](#) on the ebb and flow of life.

»»» **ARID Program Manager, Univ. of NM (salary: \$4,277.87-\$6,009.47 monthly; deadline: 7/6)**

This full-time ABQ position will oversee a project that compiles dryland data into a geospatial decision-support tool for local communities and policymakers. The manager will handle day-to-day administrative, operational, and fiscal responsibilities, including grant-writing to secure long-term funding.

Tribal Forester and Arborist, Nambe Pueblo (salary: \$23 hourly) «««

This full-time position will develop and lead a comprehensive forest management plan that protects local lands, wildlife habitats and orchards; spearhead critical conservation initiatives, including wildfire prevention, invasive species removal, and the preservation of native plants. Ideally, this position will manage and mentor youth interns on environmental restoration projects.

»»» **Director for Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Nambe Pueblo**

This full-time position will oversee all initiatives aimed at protecting and enhancing the Pueblo's living environment. Reporting to the Governor, the director will plan and direct environmental programs while ensuring full compliance with tribal, federal, and state regulatory laws.

Contracts Specialist (EMNRD #10114968), EMNRD (salary: \$55,273-\$82,909 annually; deadline: 6/30)

This full-time Santa Fe position manages contract compliance and provides technical support across the agency's division offices, project managers, and legal staff. The specialist will coordinate the development of professional service contracts, RFPs, and work plans for 200+ contracts annually.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Coordinator (EMNRD #5319), EMNRD (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200 annually; deadline: 6/30)

This full-time ABQ position administers the federal Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program to improve wildland fire response capabilities for local and volunteer fire departments across the state. The coordinator will manage grant allocations, track statewide training qualifications, and coordinate the mobilization of suppression resources.

Crew Members and Crew Leads for Forest Stewards Youth Corps' 2026 Fall Program

The Forest Stewards Youth Corps positions are open for applicants ages 18-25 for three (3) Fall Fire and Fuels Crews, based in Mountainair, Española/Santa Fe, and Jemez Pueblo. Gain hands-on natural resources experience and earn wildland firefighting and chainsaw certifications.

- Crew Leads (\$20p/hr), Aug. 13-Nov. 12
- Crew members (\$18/hr), Aug. 19 – Nov. 12

Prescribed Fire Practitioners II (JR103206), III (JR103211), and IV (JR103212), The Nature Conservancy (salary: \$22-\$34 p/hr DOE; deadline: 7/6)

TNC is hiring part-time, seasonal Prescribed Fire Practitioners (II – IV) to function as members of the North America Fire's Prescribe Fire Modules program. Practitioners support wildland and prescribed burn operations across the U.S.

>>> CLOSING SOON

Forester (NMSLO #10118835, NM State Land Office (salary: \$60,800-\$91,200; deadline: 6/25)

This Las Cruces position is responsible for state trust land for the southern half of NM, providing technical expertise in forest and watershed health and ecological conditions of forested ecosystems. Up to 24 weekly telework hours is allowable.

SW Forest & Fire Science Manager, Forest Stewards Guild (salary: \$34.35 p/hr; deadline: 6/29)

This position translates fire and forest science, plus monitoring data, into practical strategies and communications that inform adaptive land management, support collaborative planning, and engage forest dependent communities. The Manager will lead multiparty monitoring related to the Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project (CFLRP).

>>> CLOSING SOON (CONT.)

Forester (EMNRD #5334), NM Forestry Division (salary: \$55,273-\$82,909 annually; deadline: 6/30)

As the Project Forester for the Chama District, this Tierra Amarilla-based position provides advanced technical assistance to landowners and partner agencies to improve forest health, reduce wildfire risks, manage timber sale contracts, secures project funding, coordinates restoration contractors, and leads collaborative training and fire management initiatives.

Land Conservation Manager, NM Land Conservancy (salary: \$75K-\$85K annually; deadline: 6/30)

This Santa Fe position develops and implements projects with landowners statewide, manages conservation easements, land acquisitions, outreach, and fundraising in close collaboration with NM Land Conservancy staff and the Board.

Other Positions:

- Water Resource Specialist, Village of Ruidoso, full-time (salary: \$41,923.80-\$48,214.40 annually)
- Parks Technician, Village of Los Lunas, full-time (salary: \$37,918.40-\$47,361.60 annually; deadline: 6/26)
- Forestry Tech WC, Santa Fe County, full-time (salary: \$37,835.20-\$41,579.20 annually; deadline: 7/10)
- Rangeland Ecology Research Technician (Manager, Laboratory Research), NMSU, Jornada Experimental Range – Las Cruces, full-time (salary: \$53,165 annually; deadline: 7/11)

CALL TO ACTION

TODAY: Community Engagement workshops in San Miguel and Mora Counties:

Opportunity to foster transparency, identify community and individual disaster recovery needs, identify resources to meet recovery needs, maximize funding and expertise, and meet recovery goals.

June 24, 9-11 AM

City of Las Vegas/San Miguel County

Building Resiliency Center

601 E. Lincoln St., Las Vegas, NM

June 24, 2-4 PM

Mora County

David Cargo Library

NM-518, Mora, NM

REMINDER: NM begins review of threatened and endangered species; accepting public comment through 7/6. The 2024 biennial review document can be found here. Public comment and suggestions for the 2026 endangered and threatened list can be sent by email to: John.Bulger@dgf.nm.gov or mailed to: New Mexico Department of Wildlife, Attn: John Bulger, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.



If you know of job opportunities or have a request for a type of resource that can be added to this newsletter, please reach out to Shantini Ramakrishnan (shantinir@nmhu.edu)

FEATURED EVENTS

Free Community Lecture and Tour About Noxious Weeds in Taos County

June 26, 9 AM-4 PM, Juan I. Gonzalez Ag Center
7th annual noxious and invasive species lecture with a tour of infestations around Taos.
Lunch is provided; registration required.

Living With Beaver: Co-Existence Strategies for Farmers, Ranchers and Acequeros

June 26, 530 PM, Buena Vista Fire Department
Free workshop on co-existence management tools, infrastructure resources (e.g., pond levelers and exclosures), and technical and fiscal assistance programs. RSVP using link above or by calling 505-470-4080.

Plants as Restoration Tools

June 27, 10 AM-230 PM, south Las Vegas, NM
Learn how to use wildflowers and grasses to rehabilitate your land impacted by hazard tree removal and dozer lines. FREE seed for participants; lunch included. RSVP for details: shantinir@nmhu.edu; 505-426-2226

Healing Our Forest, Healing Ourselves **Coakee William Wildcat & Tofia Safford**

June 25-28, Story Ranch, Mineral Hill
Multi-day retreat on forests and ancestral practices for current and aspiring forest restoration practitioners and climate and ecology activists. Accommodations, facilities, meals available (\$400 donation suggested); sliding scale available.
Register: John McLeod
resistclimatechange@gmail.com, 505-231-1914

Northern New Mexico Garlic Festival

July 11, 10 AM-2 PM, 1028 N Railroad Ave, Española
Bringing together local farmers, gardeners, artists, and community members to celebrate the deep ties between food, culture, and Northern NM's agricultural heritage (and garlic!). Food, music, and educational demonstrations.

Grant Funding Workshop

July 14, 330-530 PM, Building Resiliency Center, 601 E Lincoln St, Las Vegas, NM
USDA workshop to help property owners affected by the HPCC fire and floods access new disaster assistance funding for home repairs and water filtration systems. For information, Melissa Gore at melissa.gore@dhsem.nm.gov

The Phoenix Festival: A Day of Creativity, Conservation & Community

August 1, 10 AM-2 PM, Media Education Center, Luna Community College, Las Vegas, NM
Hosted by the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center, this festival celebrates community and the environment, featuring engaging demonstrations, art, and live music. This event is open to all ages, and admission is free. For more information, email wrtc@luna.edu or call 505-587-3857.

Science to Stewardship: Arizona Cross-Boundary Forest Restoration Workshop

August 11-12, Flagstaff, AZ (registration ends 6/29).
Hosted by the Ecological Restoration Inst. at Northern Arizona Univ., this free workshop connects science and stewardship across three key themes: managing fuel treatments using data-driven decisions tools, measuring the economic value of restoration benefits like clean water and reduced risk, and understanding the human dimensions, including community behaviors and tribal practices.

>>> SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Postdoc Research Fellowships in Biology supports early-career scientists in applying AI to biological research or advancing biotechnology innovation. Each fellowship is 24 continuous months to start between June 1, 2027-Sept. 1, 2028 (award: \$110K p/yr for 2 years; deadline: 9/29).

>>> FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

In an era of how to do the work with diminishing funding resources, here are recently announced opportunities to boost/bridge funding for your work:

NSF's Faculty Early Career Development Program supports early-career faculty who serve as academic role models in research and education, advancing departmental missions of their organization (award ~ \$400K for 5 years; deadline: 7/22).

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs) supports intensive research in any NSF-funded research priorities. Award duration ~ 3-5 years; typical REU Site hosts 8-10 students per year (awards: \$100K-\$155K p/yr; deadline: 8/19).

CLOSING SOON:

Northern NM Pollinator Habitat & Santa Fe Pollinator Trail Habitat Kits

Xerces Society accepts proposals from landowners and organizations in Northern NM and Santa Fe for habitat improvement projects – FREE seedlings to successful applications (deadline: 6/30).

NMED Water Quality Management Planning is seeking proposals for water quality management planning projects that support NM's goals for preserving and improving water quality, including work related to TMDLs, UAAs, or other planning activities not eligible under 319(h) (deadline: 7/1).

NM Acequia Association (NMAA) supports submissions for **Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans** (ICIPs), which is a critical planning tool for identifying infrastructure priorities and potential sources of funding. ICIP is a PLAN, not an application for funding. ICIP is NECESSARY for Capital Outlay funding (deadline: 7/1).

Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Applied Science Grants provides funding for projects that develop tools and information to support water management decisions and enhance hydrologic resilience (award ceiling \$400K; deadline 7/8).

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & WEBINARS

- June 24, 11 AM, webinar [Fire Regimes, BpS and Decision Support](#) with LANDFIRE
- June 25, 130-330 PM, webinar [Engineering with Recyclables](#) w/ Explora
- June 25-26, [Reimagining Tribal Fire Credential Governance: Strengthening Sovereignty and Building Capacity](#), Museum of Indian Arts & Culture
- June 25, 6-745 PM, movie [The Little Things That Run the World](#), Los Alamos Nature Center
- June 26, 9 AM-4 PM, Free Community Lecture and Tour About Noxious Weeds in Taos County
- June 30, 12 Noon, webinar [RestoreNet: A field trial network to improve restoration outcomes across environmental gradients](#) with the Southwest Fire Science Consortium
- July 10, 8 AM-4 PM, [Erosion Control and Mitigation Workshop](#) with Quivira Coalition in Stanley, NM
- July 14, 130-330 PM, webinar [Flipbooks and Stop Motion Animation](#) w/ Explora
- July 14-16, [4th Annual Indigenous Education Symposium](#), in ABQ on CNM campuses
- July 15, 2-4 PM, webinar (or in-person in ABQ) [F2F Hub Webinar – Hedgerows](#) with the Institute for Applied Ecology
- July 21, 2 PM, webinar [Ask a Woodland Expert](#) with the Pinyon-Juniper Management Network

FAQS FOR THE NEAR-TERM

- Public [opinion on civil servants](#) continues to climb
- New HPCC documentary examines [centuries-old wounds](#)
- Federal wildland firefighters report [increased burnout, low morale](#)
- [NV Institute](#) joins SWERI
- [NM Unemployment](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

NM COMMUNITY

NM Crisis & Access Line: 1-855-662-7474 (855-NMCRISIS);
 Peer-to-Peer Warmline: 7-1130 AM & 6-11 PM daily (1-855-466-7100)
[Guidanceresources.com](https://www.guidanceresources.com) provides 24/7 support, resources and
 information for all NM state employees
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Call or Text 988): 988lifeline.org.

NMHU COMMUNITY

CARES Counseling: cares@nmhu.edu | 505-454-3006
 After-Hours Crisis Line (Available 24/7): 505-795-3665
 Sunrise Clinic): 505-454-3218, 901 Baca Ave, Las Vegas